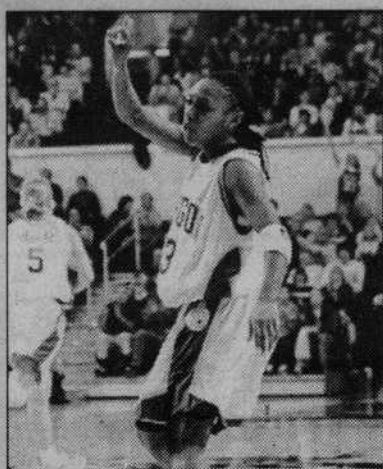


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Just another win

The first-place Oregon women take No. 22 UCLA to school for the third straight time, 89-72. But what really matters, the Ducks say, is that they're one win closer to another Pac-10 championship. **PAGE 7**

The Flash

Autopsy inconclusive in UO athlete's death

An autopsy performed Thursday on University hockey player Russ Atteridge turned up no new evidence into the cause of the 19-year-old sophomore's death.

Atteridge died of an apparent alcohol and prescription pain killer overdose Friday in California. The team was attending the Pac-8 hockey tournament, although it forfeited its playoff games after Atteridge's death.

Police believe the death was accidental and the drugs did not belong to Atteridge.

El Segundo Police Department Detective Carlos Mendoza said police will have a more detailed idea of how much Atteridge took and what exactly killed him when a toxicology report is released. Mendoza said that should happen in a few weeks at the earliest.

The police department is also wrapping up its criminal investigation and will release a report in the coming weeks.

Anne Leavitt, vice president of student affairs, said the University is waiting for the police department to finish its investigation before the University takes any action against the Cub Sports hockey team.

Division of ISA presents Indian cultural event

Students of the Indian Subcontinent will celebrate their culture through Ut-sav 2000, featuring traditional and popular food, dance, songs and handicrafts.

The event will take place Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom and the EMU Skylight. The cost is \$7.50 for students and \$9 for the general public. **PAGE 4**

Texas woman executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)—A 62-year-old woman was executed by injection Thursday after Gov. George W. Bush rejected her claim that she killed her fifth husband in self-defense and deserved a reprieve.

Betty Lou Beets became the fourth woman to be executed in the United States since the Supreme Court in 1976 allowed the death penalty to resume. She was the second woman executed in Texas since the Civil War.

WEATHER

Today



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Saturday



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Exec race results held until Monday



Greg Zimel, a Student Senate candidate, promotes himself by handing out fliers and wearing a barrel. *Catharine Kendall Emerald*

■ A hearing today will determine whether Gabbe and Larson broke ASUO election rules

By **Jeremy Lang**
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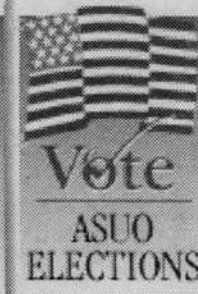
This year's ASUO primary election results are in, but the result of the executive race is still a mystery.

The final tally for president and vice president is being

held until Monday when the ASUO Constitution Court can decide the fate of candidates C.J. Gabbe and Peter Larson, who have been both removed from and reinstated to the ballot in the past two weeks.

The primary did settle the races for student committee positions and 16 Student Senate seats. Of the 23 available positions, 17 were decided outright, and the top two can-

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Forensics education

ARGUING their way to the TOP

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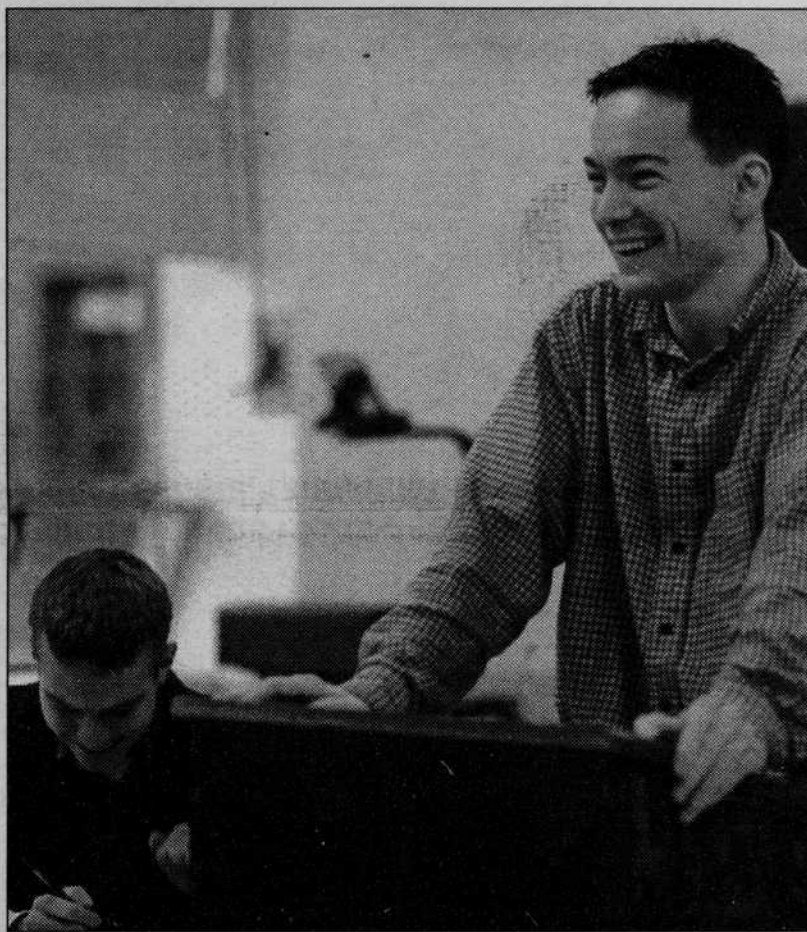
By **Lisa Toth**
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The University Speech and Debate team scored a string of personal and team victories after a marathon competition schedule last weekend, and gained nationwide recognition in the process.

The team competed in three different events Feb. 18-21. It has also finished among the top three in all of the competitions the team has attended since the new year.

Newcomer and freshman political science major Heidi Ford placed second out of 120 contestants at last weekend's competition at Willamette University. Adding to Ford's win, junior political science major Aaron Tauber placed seventh and Aaron Knott, a junior political science major, came in eighth place.

Ford won the competition's parliamentary debate, where four teams of two members compete against regional rivals such as Lewis and Clark College, Pacific Lutheran University and Western



Aaron Knott, a member of the University Speech and Debate team, practices with his group. *Azle Malinao-Alvarez Emerald*

Washington University. The debate is one-on-one, but teammates come equipped with files and laptop computers to provide the speaker with new and current information during the speech.

On March 31, some members of the team will compete against tougher national programs like

Cornell University, UCLA and USC. Three members of the team have qualified for nationals.

Select members of the team also scored victories at the National Individual Event Tournament Regionals at George Fox College in Newberg. Tom Suarez, a junior

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Piven reveals concern for state's economy

In a forum Thursday, the visiting scholar focused on local economic and political issues including working women

By **Sara Lieberth**
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Oregon has the highest per capita hunger rate in the nation, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The poorest 20 percent of Oregonians pay 11 percent of their income to taxes, while the richest pay only 7 percent.

Eugene-Springfield has become the third least affordable housing market in the country, according to a study by the National Association of Homebuilders. And working women in the

state earn less than 70 cents for every dollar earned by men, a lower ratio than the national average.

These statistics and their implications are among the topics addressed and debated Thursday night at a community forum sponsored by the Eugene-Springfield Solidarity Network.

Francis Fox Piven, visiting professor and occupant of this year's Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics at the University, was the featured panelist at the forum and fielded questions from

the audience of more than 200 local residents and activists in attendance.

"The last 25 years have been bad years," Piven said. "A lot has changed and for the worst. We live in a much more unequal system, and inequality tears a society apart."

Referencing the collapse of union-based, civil rights and feminist movements in the early 1970s, Piven said this gave business contingents the green light to mo-

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